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SUBJECT: PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA ON CSCE

1. SUMMARY. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA JAN 14 AND 15 PROVIDE

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FURTHER EDITORIAL AND SIGNED COMMENTARY ON SOVIET VIEWS

ON CSCW WHICH EMPHASIZES BOTH CONTINUING PRIORITY INTEREST IN BASKET 1 AND MOSCOW'S INTENTION FULLY TO IMPLEMENT ALL CSCE OBLIGATION. IT GIVES FURTHER INDICATION THAT THE SOVIETS WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO PUSH BREZHNEV'S WARSAW PROPOSALS FOR CONFERENCES ON ENERGY, TRANSPORT, AND ENVIRONMENT. MBFR ALSO GETS THE NOW-MANDATORY GOOD WORD. TWO ARTICLES EIMPLY THAT SOVIET POLICIES ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE ARE CORRECT AS THEY STAND, AND, ARBATOV-LIKE, CALL FOR THE WEST-- AND SPECIFICALLY THE U.S. -- TO CORRECT THEIR OWN FAULTS IN THIS AREA. ALTHOUGH RECENT SOVIET PIECEMEAL MOVES ARE NOT MENTIONED, COMMENTARIES APPEAR DESIGNED TO SET STAGE FOR CLAIM THAT SUCH MOVES PLUS BREZHNEV PROPOSAL FOR BASKET 11 CONFERENCE PLUS SUPPORT FOR MBFR EQUALS SOVIET CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA'S LEAD EDITORIAL JAN 15 PLAYS THE MAIN THEMES --THE PRIMARY IMPORTANCE OF BASKET 1 AND SOVIET PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION--WHILE LEV TOLKUNOV IN IZVESTIYA AND A. TOLKUNOV IN PRAVDA (FATHER AND SON, AS UNCONFIRMED RUMOR HAS IT) PROVIDE COUNTERPOINT BY EMBROIDERING THE PRAVDA EDITORIAL LINE WITH PROTESTATIONS THAT THE SOVIET LINE ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE REPRESENTS FULL IMPLEMENTATION AS WELL.

3. PRAVDA SAYS THAT THE "POLITICAL SECTION OF THE FINAL ACT IS OF "EXTRAORDINARY IMPORTANCE". BUT IT ALSO EMPHASIZES SOVIET AND OTHER COMMUNIST STATE INTENTIONS TO IMPLEMENT ALL CSCE AGREEMENTS IN FULL, AND SAYS THAT RECENT HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS AMONG THE COMMUNIST STATES THEMSELVES AND BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND WESTERN STATES ARE INDICATIONS THAT THIS IS BEING DONE. IT QUOTES BREZHNEV'S WARSAW CALL FOR PROGRESS IN MBFR, AND DISCUSSES HIS PROPOSAL THERE FOR CONFERENCES ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND TRANSPORT, SAYING THAT SUCH MEETINGS "COULD WITHOUT DOUBT HAVE POSITIVE RESULTS". THE EDITORIAL LOOKS AHEAD TO BELGRADE IN 1977, SAYS TIME IS GROWING SHORT AND THAT "REAL IMPLEMENTATION" IS NEXT ON THE AGENDA.

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4. THE EDITORIAL CHASTISES THE OFFICIAL WEST GENTLY FOR NOT HAVING PUBLISHED THE FINAL ACT IN LARGE NUMBERS, AND IN A FAIRLY TOUGHLY WORDED PARAGRAPH SAYS THAT PURVEYORS OF "DISINFORMATION" ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION ARE SIMPLY DETENTE OPPONENETS Hoping TO CALL FORTH A REACTION FROM THE COMMUNIST STATES WHICH WOULD POISON THE ATMOSPHERE.

5. IZVESTIYA FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITOR LEV TOLKUNOV, WRITING IN NZVESTIYA JAN 14, USES THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED "SOVIET-ITALIAN WEEK" IN EMILIA--ROMAGNA AS AN EXAMPLE OF SOVIET EFFORTS TO SHOW THE "REAL TRUTH" ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION ABROAD AND TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES. HE REFUTES WESTERN ALLEGATIONS THAT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL TRENDS ("THE DISSIDENTS") IN THE SOVIET UNION WHICH ARE NOT REFLECTED IN SOVIET EXHIBITS ABROAD. AND HE ARGUES THAT THE RIGHT OF NATIONS SUCH AS THE SOVIET UNION TO PICK AND CHOOSE WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION OR CULTURAL MATERIAL IT WILL ALLOW TO CROSS ITS BORDERS DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH THE FINAL ACT BUT IS RATHER IN DIRECT ACCORD WITH IT. HE ALSO BY IMPLICATION SUPPORTS BREZHNEV'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE BY NOTING CURRENT IMPORTANCE OF TOPIC TO ALL COUNTRIES AND BY TRACING FIRST SUPPORT FOR STEPS TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT BACK TO LENIN.

6. TOLKUNOV, WRITING IN PRAVDA JAN 15, APPLIES MANY OF HIS FATHER'S POINTS SPECIFICALLY TO THE U.S. HE CONTENTS THAT THE POPULACE IN THE U.S. IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE RECEPTIVE TO THE "TRUTH" ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION, BUT THAT PEOPLE SUCH AS ALAN RUSKIND AND JOHN LOFTON OF HUMAN EVENTS ARE STILL MANIPULATING THE MEDIA AND PRESENTING A DISTORTED PICTURE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HE CONCLUDES HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT, AND IMPLIES THAT PUBLIC PRESSURE WILL EVENTUALLY FORCE THE MEDIA TO SEE THE LIGHT.

7. COMMENT. NONE OF THESE THEMES ARE NEW, AND RECENT SPATE OF SMALL STEPS TAKEN OR ANNOUNCED IS NOT MENTIONED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUT HEAVY COVERAGE AND ESPECIALLY APPEARANCE OF CSCE IN PRAVDA EDITORIAL SUGGESTS SOVIETS MAY WISH TO SET STAGE FOR CLAIM THAT SMALL STEPS, BREZHNEV BASKET 11 CONFERENCE PROPOSAL AND SUPPORT FOR MBFR, TAKEN TOGETHER, CONSTITUTE SOVIET CSCE IMPLEMENTATION.

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